

REMARKS

Claims 21-50, 53-112 and 121-140 are now pending. Claims 136-140 are added herein. The Amendment is a Supplement to the First Supplemental Amendment filed concurrently, which responds to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. Thus, this Amendment, i.e., the Second Supplemental Amendment, should be entered after entry of the First Supplemental Amendment.

Claims 136-140 have been added to further define the invention. Claim 136 is a method claim that closely parallels product claim 109. Claims 137-140 ultimately depend from claim 136. It is respectfully submitted that claims 136-140 are allowable for at least the reasons discussed with regard to claim 109 in the Amendment filed November 10, 2003.

In view of the foregoing, and for the reasons set forth in the Amendment filed November 10, 2003, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 21-50, 53-112 and 121-140 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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